

State of Texas
Texas Racing Commission

Official Ruling # LSP3042

of the

Board of Stewards

LONE STAR PARK AT GRAND PRAIRIE

OWNER-TRAINER	KEARL, JUDD	License #	91094
Ruling Date:	02/21/2015	Violation Date:	10/09/2014
Redistribute Purse:	Yes		

Rules Violated:

319.3	DRUG POSITIVE OR PERMITTED MEDICATION VIOLATION
319.302	REASONABLE OVERSIGHT OF ANIMAL
311.104	TRAINER/ABSOLUTE INSURER

Upon being duly notified, Owner/Trainer Judd Kearl was represented by his attorney, John Mac Hayes, in a formal hearing before the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards on 02/20/15. Mr. Kearl testified telephonically.

The horse Runaway Ante, trained by Judd Kearl finished second in the eighth race at Lone Star Park on 10/09/14. Test sample #LS051173 collected from Runaway Ante tested positive for the class 4 medication Budesonide at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

In his testimony, Judd Kearl belatedly challenged the selection process of approved split sample laboratories. Investigator Melvin Bell testified that he informed Mr. Kearl that three of the four laboratories were unable to meet the standards required to test for Budesonide. The University of Florida was the only approved laboratory able to analyze the split sample. Mr. Kearl indicated to Mr. Bell that he would waive split sample testing, but failed to sign the Split Sample Waiver form. Mr. Kearl made no indication of an intention to send a split sample during the forty eight hours following the notification of a positive, and made no indication of an intention in the following ten day period allowed for split sample shipping. Therefore, Mr. Kearl's rights to a split sample are waived.

After consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented in the hearing the Sam Houston Race Park Board of Stewards hereby fines Judd Kearl five hundred (\$500) dollars and suspends his TxRC license for fifteen days (04/19/15 through 05/03/15) for the positive test indicated above.

Mitigating circumstances of eight positives being confirmed at the same time permit all to be considered first violations. However, the multiple violations warrant the suspensions being served in succession.

During the term of this suspension Judd Kearl is denied access to all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Texas Racing Commission. Entry of horses owned or trained by Mr. Kearl is denied pending sale or transfer to a party approved by the Board of Stewards.

The horse Runaway Ante is hereby disqualified and declared unplaced in the eighth race at Lone Star Park on 10/09/14 with the purse to be redistributed as follows:

1. Lajollas Real Effort
2. Just Galilea
3. Kaseys Comment

By Order of the Board of Stewards

DAVID ROLLINSON

ANNE ALLEY

DENNIS SIDENER

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4. Ottyes Bay Son
 5. Zoom Your Doomed
 6. Ld Foxfire
 7. Feverett a Tong
 8. Memories of Cuervo
 9. Efort for Real
- Unplaced: Runaway Ante

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Supplement # 1

03/10/2015

Effective March 6, 2015, the Commission received the appeal, bond and fine in this case. Executive Director Trout has denied the request for a stay.